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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The indicated allowability of claims 10-19 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s).. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10, 12, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohara et al. (4,750,045).

Ohara et al. (4,750,045) discloses in figure 52 an optical system for illuminating an image on a media (97) by means of horizontal and vertical raster scanning of light from a semiconductor light source or the like. Such a media may constitute a "sign".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 11, 14-15, 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gold et al. in view of Ohara et al. (4,750,045) .

Gold et al. disclose a projection device comprising'

an illumination system for raster scanning a light beam from a source (13) onto a liquid crystal light valve (11) by using a galvanometer (16) to vertical scan a horizontal light beam.

Gold et al. do not teach the use of horizontal scan means.

Ohara et al. (4,750,045) discloses in figure 52 an optical system for illuminating an image on a media (97) by means of horizontal and vertical raster scanning of light from a semiconductor light source or the like.

Lacking any disclosed criticality to the function of the instant invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device of Gold et al. by the use of a multiple reflector scanning system, as taught by Ohara et al., because both systems provide two dimensional scanning of light.

Further, the use of different types of laser light sources would have been obvious modifications in order to obtain satisfactory illumination.

It is well known to utilize both reflective type and transmissive types of light valves in image formation.

Lacking criticality to the function of the invention, it would have been obvious to apply the combination of Gold and Ohara to transmission light valve systems because both would form images for projection.

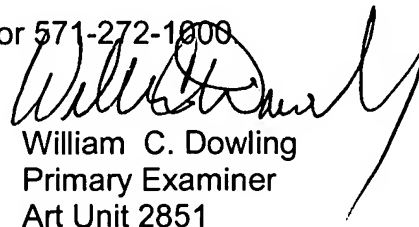
6. Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang (6,128,131).

Tang teaches the illumination of multiple sections of a screen having a patterned image formed therein. Such a system may clearly be used in an "overhead" projection environment.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Dowling whose telephone number is 571-272-2116. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-THURS.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1750. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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